

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Funds for Construction and Repair of NH in Bihar

† 2998. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to the tune of Rs. 819.07 crores received from Bihar is under Government's consideration for construction and repair of National Highways; and

(b) if so, by when the approval would be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Hit and Run Accidents

2999. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) it is a fact that only one in every 5000 persons is booked for committing a hit and run accidents in Delhi; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir. As per information available 2069 simple and 719 fatal hit and run cases were reported in Delhi during the year 2000 and out of which 570 simple and 148 fatal cases respectively were worked out.

(b) Steps taken in this regard are:

(i) Effective traffic regulation and control.

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- (ii) Effective enforcement of traffic rules and regulations and prosecution of violators.
- (iii) Ensuring proper road-engineering aspects like adequate lighting and intersection geometries, road traffic infrastructure including road furniture, traffic control devices, road signs and road marking, etc.
- (iv) Education of road user public and affected groups through effective campaign on Road Safety matters through various media such as electronic media, print media, display boards and continuous announcements through amplifiers at important intersections.

Closure of Oil Extraction Industry

† 3000. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of small and cottage industries engaged in oil extraction in the country are closed down due to non-availability of oilseeds perennially;
- (b) if not, the facts in this regard and the average number of months in which oil extraction is estimated to be done in the country; and
- (c) the total number of small and cottage industries are engaged in oil extraction in the country as per the estimates of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No small unit engaged in oil extraction has closed down due to nonavailability of oil seeds. According to Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats, there has been significant increase in the production of oil seeds over the years. KVIC also provides loan

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